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1. JOSEF AUGSTEIN, ONE OF MINISTER-PRESIDENT FILBINGER'S LAWYERS IN THE LATTER'S LAWSUIT AGAINST ROLF HOCHHUTH AND DIE ZEIT, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN STUTTGART ON JUNE 14, THE DAY AFTER AUGSTEIN HAD MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN COURT AS A NEW MEMBER OF FILBINGER'S COUNSEL. AUGSTEIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION OF SOME 41 OTHER COURT CASES IN WHICH FILBINGER WAS INVOLVED AS A NAVY JUDGE, SINCE HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT FILBINGER'S RECORD WAS BLAMELESS.

2. AUGSTEIN, THE PRESS REPORTS, SAID THAT HOCHHUTH DID NOT COME ACROSS HIS EVIDENCE AGAINST FILBINGER
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IN AMERICAN ARCHIVES, AS HOCHHUTH IS SAID TO ALLEGE, BUT IN EAST GERMANY. AUGSTEIN EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT HOCHHUTH HAD CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD AMERICAN SOURCES FOR HIS INFORMATION BECAUSE "THIS SOUNDS BETTER".
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